

## OBITUARIES

### Emma Dodds

Emma Reta Dodds of Pickford formerly worked as a clerk on Mackinac Island, as a telephone operator for the former General Telephone Company in Pickford for 10 years, and as a clerk at Pickford Dry Goods for several years before she retired.

Mrs. Dodds was 94 when she died Monday, March 20, 2006, at her daughter's home in Sault Ste. Marie.

She was born December 13, 1911, in Pickford to Taylor Henry and Mary Myrtle (nee Smith) Gough.

A lifelong Pickford resident, she married Elmer John Dodds in 1935. She was a member of the Pickford New Horizons

Church of the Nazarene, enjoyed cooking, sewing, attending Senior Citizens Club dinners, and watching Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

Mrs. Dodds is survived by her daughter and her family, Ann Marie and Richard Gibbons; two grandchildren and their families, Tom and Tammi Gibbons and Heidi Gibbons; three great-grandchildren, Grace and Olivia Schopp and Tyler Gibbons all of Sault Ste. Marie, and one sister and her family, Gladys and Lewis Anderson of New Port Richie, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer May 20, 1972, and by six brothers, Jack,

Bernard, William, Irvin, Burton, and Herman Gough.

Visitation was Thursday, March 23, and Friday, March 24 at New Horizons Church of the Nazarene in Pickford.

Services were Friday, March 24, at New Horizons Church of the Nazarene. The Reverend Craig Weihman officiated.

Burial was at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township.

Contributions in Mrs. Dodd's memory can be made to the New Horizons Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 156, Pickford 49774.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford assisted the family with arrangements.

### Michael Murphy

Michael Murphy of Cadillac was a former employee of Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, where he worked as convention manager from 1962 to 1968.

Mr. Murphy died at the age of 71 Sunday morning, March 26, at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac.

He was born August 3, 1934, in Cadillac, to Dr. Michael R. and Loretta A. (Bowen) Murphy.

He was graduated from Cadillac High School in 1952. He was subsequently graduated in 1956 from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, and from Cornell University in New York in 1961.

After working on Mackinac Island, he went on to work at McGuire's Resort and at Caberfae Ski Area, both in

Cadillac.

He also served with the United States Army ski patrol in Germany for two years.

In Cadillac, Mr. Murphy was a member of Ste. Ann Catholic Church, the Cadillac Elks Lodge 680, AMVETS Post 110, Columbus Lodge 224, and a former member of the Cadillac Lions Club.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time in the outdoors. He enjoyed people, cooking, and sharing family recipes, particularly spending time in the kitchen with his grandchildren.

Mr. Murphy is survived by his wife, Barbara L. Murphy of Cadillac; four daughters and their families, Catherine and Philip Walters of Zeeland, Mary Anne and Todd Heller of Mount Pleasant, Michelle and Jeffrey Brunner of Traverse City, and

Margaret Murphy of Seattle, Washington; nine grandchildren, Audrey and Matthew Walters, Elizabeth, Michael, and Katelyn Heller, and Andrew, Amy, Sarah, and Julia Brunner; two sisters and their families, Mary Ellen and Donald Snow of Cadillac, and Martha Anne and David Guoin of Skanee; two nieces; two nephews, and many friends.

Services were at noon Thursday, March 30, at Ste. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac with the Reverend Francis J. Murphy officiating.

Burial was in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Cadillac.

Memorial donations can be made to Ste. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac, Cadillac Lions Club, or Elks Lodge Special Projects.

## Eulogy - Frances Bachman Smith

By Jeannette Doud

We mourn the loss of our very dear friend, Frances Bachman Smith, formerly of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mackinac Island. She was a lovely lady, who loved the Island and spent many happy summers at the family cottage on the East Bluff. In the early days, along with her son, Ron, she would stay at the Windermere Hotel, where she enjoyed many visits with my late husband, Robert. They would reminisce about the olden days on Mackinac.

Mrs. Smith was a beautiful knitter, making exquisite baby outfits with tiny pearl buttons adorning the wee sweaters. Many were sold at silent auctions benefiting Island charities. I was the recipient of much of her work, which I happily gave as special gifts to newborn babies of Mackinac.

I shall cherish the memory of Reverend Ron's mother, who brought such joy, happiness, and peace to the many she met during her lifetime. May she rest in peace in the spring on her favorite Island. Deepest sympathy to the family from Island friends.

## State Supreme Court Denies Shepler's Case

The Michigan Supreme Court, February 27, denied an appeal in the Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry case against the City of Mackinac Island. The lawsuit charged that the City unfairly impeded Shepler's right to conduct freight business on the Island, but it failed in the lower court and in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

At the heart of the case was Shepler's claim that the City imposed restrictions on its freight operations that were not imposed on its competitor, Arnold Transit Company. Shepler's case focused on time restrictions placed on its business license with the City for freight delivery, noting that the City violated the company's equal protection of laws.

A City decision first made in 1994 has allowed Shepler's to make freight deliveries between the hours of 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 8 p.m. to midnight because the boat line lacks dock space to load and unload horse-drawn drays and must rely on public streets for the process. The time restrictions were imposed to help alleviate street congestion during heavy traffic hours, the city council said.

In May 2005, the 11th Circuit Court upheld the City's right to restrict Shepler's use of public streets, basing its decision on Shepler's failure to show the restriction was unreasonable. The Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed that decision in October 2005, and Shepler then asked the state's Supreme Court to review the case.

Aaron J. Gauthier of Patrick and Kwiatkowski in Cheboygan represented Shepler's, while Mackinac Island City Attorney Tom Evashevski represented the Island.

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### Steve Murray



Steve, with his family, owns a home at British Landing on Mackinac Island and is a full time resident during the summer. Steve has a life long history of life on Mackinac as the Murray family has always summered on the Island in the family home next door to Ste. Anne's Church. Steve's great grandfather, Dominick Murray, built the Murray Hotel in 1859! Steve is well versed in the history of Mackinac and offers knowledgeable bicycle tours of properties to any potential buyers of Island properties. Steve is a member of the Water Wonderland Board of Realtors in Gaylord, the Michigan Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors. He is also the owner of Michigan Outdoor Advertising. In addition Steve is an active member of the Wawashkamo Golf Club, the Mackinac Island Yacht Club, Mackinac Associates and the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce. Steve is thrilled to be associated with Murray Realty and will be happy to assist you with all your real estate needs. Please give him a call. He will tell you: "Heaven on earth is how we think of Mackinac Island!"

A stroll on Mackinac is worth a day in any man's life." *HORACE GREELEY, 1847*



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